Construction of Link road between Talli Mahroli and Chittorkhal

†2117. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the completion of measurement and tender formalities the work on link road scheme between Talli Mahroli and Chittorkhal of Syalde block in Almora district of Uttar Pradesh is not in progress;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for stopping the work; and

(d) by when decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (d) The Central Government is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways only, in the country. The responsibility for all other roads lies with the respective State Governments. The link road scheme between Talli Mahroli and Chittorkhal of Syalde block in Almora district does not form a part of National Highway Network and hence it is the responsibility of the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

Construction of Sub-ways on National Highways

2118. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sub-ways on the National Highways in Punjab and Haryana at present;

(b) what is the criteria laid down by Government for making sub-ways on the National Highways; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to construct sub-ways on National Highways in Punjab in near future; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No. of subways on National Highways in the State of Haryana and Punjab are 7 and nil respectively.

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) subways are provided for safety of pedestarians crossing the highways passing through congested urban areas and to allow the through traffic to pass uninterrupted.

(c) Two number of subways on NH-I at KM. 274/1 (Khanna town) and KM. 265/500 (Gobindgarh town) in the State of Punjab are included in the Annual Plan 1999-2000 for sanction.

Complaint against Officers of ITDC

2119. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a complaint dated 6th August, 1999 from the All India ITDC Transport and ATT Workers Union against the prevailing corruption by former DG (Tourism), Director (Finance) and Vice President (ATT) of ITDC for appropriate action against the delinquent officials;

(b) whether the said complaint has since been got examined and action taken; and

(c) if so, what is the factual position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The complaint is under examination.

Measures to prevent crimes against Foreign Tourist

†2120. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign tourists are being fleeced cleverly at major tourist places in India by hotel owners, nursing home operators and taxi operators in connivance with the police;

(b) whether the country was put to shame before the World in the area of tourism because of terrorist and criminal activities in the country; and

(c) if so, the number of such incidents that have occurred during the last year and the attitude adopted by Government for the prevention of such activities.